Transfer of Subjects to States

853. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to transfer more subjects to the States from the Union and Concurrent Lists; and

(b) if not, how Government's schemes for rural areas would be watched to ensure satisfactory implementation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Article 243 (G) of the Constitution of India envisages devolution of powers and responsibilities on Panchayats, *inter alia,* for the purpose of implementation of schemes for economic development and social justice as may be entrusted to them including those in relation to matters listed in the Eleventh Schedule. The Eleventh Schedule lists 29 matters which include rural housing, rural electrification including distribution of electricity, family welfare, maintenance of community assets, drinking water, agriculture etc. In view thereof, there seems to be no apparent need to transfer more subjects to the States from the Union and Concurrent Lists.

Monopoly of MNCs in Indian Market

†854. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multinational companies have increased their status by purchasing the big capital holding companies and these multinational companies are heading towards monopoly in Indian market; and

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